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## Results of Pay Survey for the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Michigan Metropolitan Area

Workers in the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Michigan metropolitan area averaged \$19.42 per hour during August 1999, according to a new wage survey released by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Peter J. Hebein reported that white-collar workers averaged \$23.18 per hour and accounted for 51 percent of the workers studied. Blue-collar workers, representing 33 percent of all workers, averaged \$17.39 per hour, while the remaining 16 percent worked in service occupations and earned \$10.61 per hour. (See table 1-1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for all occupations in establishments with 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local government. It excludes those in agricultural establishments, private households, Federal Government, and the self-employed. This survey studied 370 firms representing 1,293,000 workers within the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Michigan metropolitan area, which includes Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. Eighty percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for more than 150 detailed occupations. Among white-collar workers, registered nurses earned \$23.12, secretaries averaged \$15.16, and cashiers were paid \$8.16. Within the blue-collar occupational group, automobile mechanics received \$20.97 per hour, truck drivers averaged \$14.66 and stock handlers and baggers were paid \$9.78 hourly. Service occupations included janitors and cleaners at \$12.31 and cooks at \$9.43 per hour. (See table 2-1.)

The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics, such as full-/part-time employment, union and nonunion status and establishment size. Overall, wages for full-time workers averaged \$20.36 per hour, compared to \$10.71 per hour for part-timers. Union workers averaged \$20.02 while nonunion employees earned \$19.08. Employees in establishments with 50-99 workers averaged \$16.66, and in establishments with 500 workers or more, average pay was \$21.28 per hour. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgment, supervision

received and other factors required on the job. These selected characteristics allow for comparison of occupations with similar requirements.

Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. The NCS is part of a statistics program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program. The survey increases the amount of wage data available to businesses, employees, and the public, and reduces the time required of business establishments responding to BLS compensation surveys.

## **Survey Availability**

Complete survey results are contained in the <u>National Compensation Survey</u>. <u>Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI July 1999</u>, (Bulletin 3100-19). Copies of survey tables are available on the BLS Internet site at: **http://stats.bls.gov/comhome.htm** and from the Bureau's automated fax-on-demand service in Chicago at (312) 353-1880, menu option 1. Using a touch-tone telephone, up to four documents at a time can be ordered and faxed to you within minutes, 24-hours a day.

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Table 1-1. Summary: Mean hourly earnings1 and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI, August 1999

	Total			Priv	ate industry	,	State and local government			
	Hourly earnings			Hourly earnings			Hourly earnings			
Worker and establishment characteristics	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	
Total	\$19.42	2.0	36.4	\$18.91	2.3	36.8	\$21.87	3.1	34.7	
Worker characteristics: <sup>4</sup>										
White-collar occupations <sup>5</sup> Professional specialty and technical Executive, administrative, and managerial Sales Administrative support Blue-collar occupations <sup>5</sup> Precision production, craft, and repair Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors Transportation and material moving Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers Service occupations <sup>5</sup> Full time Part time  Union Nonunion	23.18 27.91 31.32 16.69 13.35 17.39 21.75 16.08 16.35 11.10 10.61 20.36 10.71 20.02 19.08	2.2 2.4 3.2 8.0 2.5 2.1 1.8 3.4 5.4 4.9 3.8 1.9 5.5	36.7 35.8 40.2 33.9 37.4 38.0 40.2 39.8 33.6 31.7 32.3 39.8 20.5	22.49 26.68 31.79 16.70 13.36 17.48 21.94 16.10 16.96 10.88 8.72 19.86 10.42 18.87 18.93	2.7 2.9 3.6 8.0 3.1 2.2 1.9 3.4 6.3 5.5 3.3 2.3 6.4	37.1 36.7 40.5 34.0 37.5 38.1 40.2 39.8 33.8 31.2 32.1 40.1 21.2 38.4 36.2	25.70 30.83 28.49 - 13.34 15.90 19.32 - 13.54 13.26 14.84 22.73 12.34 22.39 20.73	3.8 4.7 5.5 - 2.5 4.6 4.6 - 3.1 6.8 3.2 3.2 8.0	35.0 33.6 38.8 - 36.9 36.7 39.9 - 32.8 37.4 32.9 38.2 17.0 35.7 32.6	
Time	19.41 19.69	2.0 9.9	36.3 39.2	18.87 19.69	2.3 9.9	36.7 39.2	21.87 –	3.1	34.7 -	
Establishment characteristics:										
Goods producing	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	22.23	2.8	40.0 _	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	
50-99 workers <sup>7</sup> 100-499 workers 500 workers or more	16.66 17.42 21.28	6.6 5.1 2.1	36.9 36.7 36.2	16.66 17.07 21.02	6.6 5.6 2.5	36.9 36.9 36.8	– 21.23 21.99	5.2 3.6	- 34.6 34.7	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of

based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production

industries applies to private industry only.

7 Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain establishments with

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria. IN THIS SURVEY, THE NONRESPONSE RATE FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY EXCEEDED REGULAR SURVEY STANDARDS FOR PUBLICATION. ACCORDINGLY, USERS SHOULD INTERPRET THESE RESULTS WITH THIS LIMITATION IN MIND.

the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.  $^{\rm 3}$  Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining. Wages of time workers are based solely on hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially

bonuses.

5 A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

6 Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-producing

fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup>, all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI, August 1999

	To	otal	Private	industry	State and local government	
Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
All	\$19.42	2.0	\$18.91	2.3	\$21.87	3.1
All excluding sales	19.60	2.0	19.09	2.3	21.87	3.1
White collar	23.18	2.2	22.49	2.7	25.70	3.8
White collar excluding sales	24.04	2.2	23.51	2.7	25.70	3.8
Professional specialty and technical	27.91	2.4	26.68	2.9	30.83	4.7
Professional specialty	30.28	2.6	28.88	3.2	32.99	4.7
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	31.63	4.0	31.63	4.0	_	_
Industrial engineers	27.67	5.0	27.67	5.0	_	_
Mechanical engineers	33.51	12.0	33.51	12.0	_	_
Engineers, n.e.c	32.42	3.4	32.42	3.4	_	_
Mathematical and computer scientists	28.61	5.2	28.59	5.3	_	_
Computer systems analysts and scientists	26.58	5.0	26.51	5.1	_	_
Natural scientists	21.33	16.3	. <del>.</del>	_		I
Health related	24.49	3.8	24.21	3.7	25.97	12.6
Physicians	33.12	16.8	33.42	19.1		
Registered nurses	23.12	2.1	23.19	2.4	22.65	3.0
Dietitians	16.65	7.5	-	_	-	45.5
Teachers, college and university	39.18	13.9	35.99	6.4	39.56	15.5
Engineering teachers  Health specialities teachers	63.52 34.24	7.3 8.9	_	_	_	_
Other post-secondary teachers	34.24 31.27	18.5	- 37.50	10.5	29.82	20.9
Teachers, except college and university	36.45	4.3	20.02	7.4	37.01	4.4
Prekindergarten and kindergarten	33.83	12.5	20.02	- 7.4	37.01	
Elementary school teachers	38.01	4.3	_		38.36	4.3
Secondary school teachers	38.55	4.4	22.81	10.1	39.86	4.3
Teachers, special education	38.26	5.5	22.01	10.1	38.26	5.5
Teachers, n.e.c.	33.00	23.4	_	_	33.00	23.4
Vocational and educational counselors	25.45	30.6	14.87	8.7	-	
Librarians, archivists, and curators	25.68	21.2	_		26.22	21.5
Librarians	25.68	21.2	_	_	26.22	21.5
Social scientists and urban planners	23.13	28.5	_	_	_	_
Social, recreation, and religious workers	23.18	14.7	15.41	11.1	25.27	15.8
Social workers	23.39	14.8	15.41	11.1	25.58	15.8
Lawyers and judges	53.64	27.8	_	-	_	_
Lawyers	53.64	27.8	_	-	_	_
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and						
professionals, n.e.c.	31.64	5.6	31.25	6.4	_	_
Designers	34.51	10.5	34.51	10.5	-	_
Technical	20.33	4.3	21.19	4.5	15.65	8.6
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	16.27 15.82	14.1	19.66 –	3.0	_	_
Health record technologists and technicians	18.42	8.3 7.0	18.38	7.2	-	_
Radiological techniciansLicensed practical nurses	15.42	1.7	15.25	1.7	- 15.90	3.1
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	13.42	4.7	13.23	4.4	-	- 5.1
Electrical and electronic technicians	22.05	4.7	22.05	4.7	_	_
Mechanical engineering technicians	27.83	4.9	27.83	4.9	_	_
Drafters	22.58	18.6	22.58	18.6	_	_
Chemical technicians	19.47	3.4	19.47	3.4	_	_
Computer programmers	28.64	1.2	28.64	1.2	_	_
Technical and related, n.e.c.	21.80	4.3	24.27	3.7	19.69	5.9
Everythic administrative and managerial	24.22	2.0	24.70	2.6	20.40	
Executives, administrative, and managerial	31.32	3.2 4.4	31.79	3.6 4.9	28.49	5.5 5.5
Executives, administrators, and managers  Administrators and officials, public administration	35.55 31.42	5.5	35.73	4.9	34.33 31.42	5.5
Financial managers	35.29	11.9	35.69	12.3	-	
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public					_	_
relations	42.12	6.6	42.12	6.6	_	
Administrators, education and related fields	41.10	10.8	22.23	10.6	48.38	8.0
Managers, medicine and health	28.34	7.4	28.24	8.1	_	-
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	38.15	4.9	38.32	5.0	_	
Management related	25.30	3.2	25.87	3.7	22.53	3.4
Accountants and auditors	23.51	7.8	23.54	8.0	_	_
Other financial officers	31.45	16.0	34.53	16.7	_	_

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup>, all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI, August 1999 — Continued

			Total		industry	State and local government	
	Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent
White co	ollar –Continued						
	utive, administrative, and managerial –Continued						
N	Management related –Continued						
	Personnel, training, and labor relations	<b>CO4 O4</b>	111	<b>CO4 47</b>	140		
	specialists Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	\$24.24 27.60	11.4 8.4	\$24.47 27.79	14.2 8.4	_	
	Construction inspectors	22.26	3.8	-	-	\$22.26	3.8
	Management related, n.e.c.	25.56	4.4	25.87	4.9	-	-
		40.00		40 =0			
Sales	Supervisore color	16.69 22.10	8.0 14.4	16.70 22.10	8.0 14.4	_	_
	Supervisors, sales  Sales, other business services	19.34	15.8	19.34	15.8	_	_
	Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing,	13.54	15.0	13.54	15.0	_	_
	and wholesale	29.06	10.3	29.06	10.3	-	_
	Sales workers, furniture and home furnishings	13.59	24.6	13.59	24.6	-	_
	Sales workers, other commodities	9.45	9.1	9.45	9.1	-	-
	Cashiers	8.16	4.7	8.17	4.7	_	_
Admi	nistrative support, including clerical	13.35	2.5	13.36	3.1	13.34	2.5
	Supervisors, general office	18.11	8.7	18.05	11.6	_	_
	Computer operators	16.17	14.2	17.17	15.4	_	_
	Secretaries	15.16	5.0	15.85	6.4	14.02	4.6
	Typists	10.36	8.6	-	_	_	-
	Receptionists	10.99 10.32	6.0 6.6	11.01 10.32	6.0 6.6	_	_
	Information clerks, n.e.c	12.87	8.2	10.32	8.2	_	_
	Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping	15.17	8.8	-		_	_
	Library clerks	9.51	12.1	_	_	9.54	13.4
	Records clerks, n.e.c.	11.61	7.3	_	_	-	_
	Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	12.38	5.0	12.04	5.4	_	_
	Payroll and timekeeping clerks	11.83	12.5	11.83	12.5	_	_
	Billing clerks	11.64 12.04	4.1 9.4	11.39 12.04	4.1 9.4	_	_
	Telephone operators  Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	12.04	9.6	12.04	9.6	_	_
	Stock and inventory clerks	11.13	12.2	11.13	12.2	_	_
	Material recording, scheduling, and distribution						
	clerks, n.e.c.	14.98	12.2	14.98	12.2	_	_
	Insurance adjusters, examiners, and	4404		4404			
	investigators and adjusters except incurance	14.34 12.55	7.4 11.4	14.34 12.55	7.4 11.4	_	_
	Investigators and adjusters, except insurance  Bill and account collectors	12.55	10.6	12.55	10.6	_	_
	General office clerks	12.73	3.1	13.17	5.3	12.33	3.2
	Bank tellers	10.38	3.2	10.38	3.2	_	-
	Data entry keyers	9.96	12.3	9.31	13.2	-	_
	Teachers' aides	10.34	5.3	-	-	10.37	5.3
	Administrative support, n.e.c.	12.85	5.5	12.51	6.1	14.20	7.8
Blue co	llar	17.39	2.1	17.48	2.2	15.90	4.6
Precis	sion production, craft, and repair	21.75	1.8	21.94	1.9	19.32	4.6
	Supervisors, mechanics and repair	23.57	6.7	23.70	7.0	-	
	Automobile mechanics	20.97	10.6	_		_	_
	Heavy equipment mechanics	21.17	5.0	22.00	4.8	-	_
	Industrial machinery repairers	21.56	4.3	21.56	4.3	-	_
	Millwrights	23.57	1.5	23.57	1.5	_	_
	Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c	20.22 27.40	3.5 7.6	20.28	3.6	_	
	Electricians	24.34	1.5	24.21	1.6	_	
	Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters	25.75	1.9	25.80	1.9	_	_
	Construction trades, n.e.c.	17.01	7.8	_	_	-	_
	Supervisors, production	21.19	6.4	21.19	6.4	-	_
	Tool and die makers	23.23	3.4	23.23	3.4	-	_
	Precision assemblers, metal	20.66	8.1	20.66	8.1	_	_
	Machinists	21.02	4.2	21.02	4.2	_	_

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup>, all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI, August 1999 — Continued

	Total		Private	industry	State and local government	
Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent
Blue collar -Continued						
Precision production, craft, and repair -Continued						
Precision grinders, filers, and tool sharpeners	\$23.80	4.5	\$23.80	4.5	_	_
Patternmakers, layout workers, and cutters	25.70	10.2	25.70	10.2	_	_
Butchers and meat cutters	14.74	9.0	14.74	9.0	_	_
Inspectors, testers, and graders	20.81	8.4	20.81	8.4	-	_
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	16.08	3.4	16.10	3.4	_	_
Punching and stamping press operators	16.23	11.4	16.23	11.4	_	_
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing						
machine operators	15.40	9.9	15.40	9.9	_	_
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c	20.89	1.6	20.89	1.6	_	_
Molding and casting machine operators	9.29	11.9	9.29	11.9	_	_
Textile sewing machine operators	13.73	24.4	13.73	24.4	_	_
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	8.94	7.0	7.92	2.4	_	_
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c	13.75	6.6	13.75	6.6	_	_
Welders and cutters	17.86	8.2	17.86	8.2	_	_
Assemblers	17.66	4.1	17.66	4.1	_	
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners	15.79	11.5	15.79	11.5	_	_
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Transportation and material moving	16.35	5.4	16.96	6.3	\$13.54	3.1
Truck drivers	14.66	8.6	15.37	9.9		
Bus drivers	13.44	15.3			13.41	3.3
Crane and tower operators	19.55	4.9	19.55	4.9	_	_
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	17.60	6.9	17.60	6.9	-	_
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	11.10	4.9	10.88	5.5	13.26	6.8
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	13.17	8.9	_	-	13.17	8.9
Stock handlers and baggers	9.78	5.5	9.78	5.5	_	_
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c	10.43	5.5	10.43	5.5	_	_
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	11.54	24.4	11.54	24.4	_	_
Hand packers and packagers	10.98	11.8	10.98	11.8	_	_
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c	12.80	12.5	12.45	14.6	-	_
Service	10.61	3.8	8.72	3.3	14.84	3.2
Protective service	14.44	9.4	7.94	8.3	18.21	2.1
Firefighting	16.24	2.9	- 7.54	- 0.5	16.24	2.9
Police and detectives, public service	19.57	3.1	_	_	19.57	3.1
Correctional institution officers	17.23	3.3	_	_	17.23	3.3
Crossing guards	7.20	6.9		_	7.20	6.9
Guards and police, except public service	8.02	8.1	8.00	8.1	7.20	0.9
Food service	7.72	5.2	7.61	5.5	9.37	9.1
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	5.76	12.6	5.76	12.6	J.J1 -	3.1
Waiters, waitiesses, and baiteriders	4.47	22.9	4.47	22.9		-
Other food service	8.19	5.3		5.7	_ 0.37	0 1
Cooks	9.43		8.08 9.22	3.3	9.37	9.1
Food counter, fountain, and related	9.43 6.27	3.8 13.1	9.22 6.27	13.1	_	_
					_	_
Kitchen workers, food preparation	8.86	2.5	8.77	2.3	-	
Food preparation, n.e.c.	7.10	6.0	6.92	5.8	8.54	9.8
Health service	9.29	3.0	9.07	2.6	12.75	7.3
Health aides, except nursing	10.60	3.5	10.36	4.0	_	_
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	9.04	3.2	8.86	2.5	_	_

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup>, all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI, August 1999 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
Service –Continued						
Cleaning and building service	\$11.79	5.2	\$11.13	7.0	\$13.28	4.1
Maids and housemen	7.29	3.2	7.22	3.3	_	_
Janitors and cleaners	12.31	5.3	11.72	7.9	13.32	4.2
Personal service	8.77	6.1	7.48	3.7	9.86	8.0
Early childhood teachers' assistants	7.57	11.7	_	_	_	_
Child care workers, n.e.c.	9.99	10.3	_	_	10.08	10.5
Service, n.e.c.	8.26	6.5	7.55	7.1	_	_

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

2 All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

3 A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

4 The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around

a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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